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Communication from Kenya

The following communication, dated 15 December 2005, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Kenya.

The delegation of Kenya would like the current text on Aid for Trade as reflected in paragraph 51 of the Draft Ministerial Text (WT/MIN(05)/W/3) to be replaced by the text below:

We welcome the discussions of Finance and Development Ministers in various fora, including the Development Committee of the World Bank and IMF, that have taken place this year on expanding Aid for Trade. Aid for Trade should aim to help developing countries, particularly LDCs, to build the supply-side capacity and trade-related infrastructure that they need to assist them to implement and benefit from WTO Agreements and more broadly to expand their trade. Aid for Trade cannot be a substitute for the development benefits that will result from a successful conclusion to the DDA, particularly on unrestricted market access. However, it can be a valuable complement to the DDA. We invite the Director General to create a task force that shall provide recommendations on how to operationalize aid for trade, The Task Force, composed of relevant members, will provide recommendations to the General Council by [April 2006.] on how Aid for Trade might contribute most effectively to a successful conclusion to the DDA. To this end we invite the Director-General to consult with Members as well as with the IMF and World Bank, relevant international organisations and the regional development banks with a view to reporting to the General Council on appropriate mechanisms to secure additional financial resources for Aid for Trade on grant basis. The AFT mechanism shall enter into force no later than 31 December 2006.